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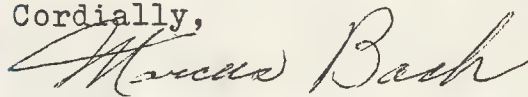
As you know, one of the men who has figured most prominently in the development of SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS FELLOWSHIP is Arthur Ford.

His special capabilities and contributions have added immeasurably to the influence of the SFF movement. Through his psychic work, lectures, personal connections and selfless service he has not only kept the program excitingly up-to-date, but has insisted it go forward into ever greater contemporary meaning.

Because Arthur and his work have continually inspired people in their own paranormal pursuits, I have asked him if he would co-author several PSYCHOGRAMS with me, based on his personal philosophy and on the formalized material in his two books, Nothing So Strange and Unknown But Known, dedicated, as you remember, to "Friends of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship."

These PSYCHOGRAMS are designed for groups and individuals who look upon man's quest as both logical and necessary for greater spiritual understanding. They are for those who consider the religious experience not as something theological, but spiritual and psychological. They are for people sincerely interested in a meaningful, interpretive and valid inquiry into a clearer grasp of "psychism" and its relationship to total life.

Cordially,



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PSYCHOGRAM:

YOUR PSYCHIC REACH

1.

It was a lovely moonlit Florida night. A group of us, seven in number, were relaxing in the patio of a West Palm Beach home. Arthur Ford was one of the seven.

We had been to a church service and were holding our own talk-back about religious beliefs around the world. I was prompted to say, "Arthur, wouldn't this be a great night for a psychic session?"

"Could be," he murmured.

"Are you in the mood?"

"We could see what comes through," he said.

He made himself comfortable in a chaise longue, placed a folded handkerchief over his eyes. The moon and a lanai light made it a peaceful setting. Sometimes I think the mystics are right in their claim that heaven and earth are nearest together at the midnight hour.

A few minutes and Ford was asleep, a trance sleep, breathing deeply, rhythmically. Meantime, the six of us chatted about the mysteries of life.

Fletcher, Ford's control, came through with a simple, "Hello!" We greeted him. He warmed up. We warmed up. There were several messages and identifications. Then he called my name.

I was being contacted by a "Bertie" or "Bertha." Did I know anyone by that name? No. Wait a moment. My mother was Albertina. Friends called her Berty. As I thought of this, Fletcher said, "Your mother."

"Ma," I said, "if this is really you, I'm surprised to find you messing around with psychics. You used to warn me to stay away from them."

I was never to forget the answer that came through to me: "Some things that annoyed us on earth become precious memories in the life beyond."

It was a good thought. It was like her.

"Do you remember," the message continued, "how your father used to annoy me by putting salt on his bread?"

That was right. When I was a boy and mother baked the big crusty-fragrant loaves, my dad teased her and amused us kids by saying, "Ma forgot the salt." Then he would take the shaker and mimic salting the luxuriously warm slices.

Who knew this household secret besides my mother and dad and me and a brother 3000 miles away on the California coast?

One of the most veridical aspects of a psychic session can be found in these so-called trivia, these family secrets, this Geheimnis. How do you get a message that no one knows but you? A message sealed in love and memory in the never-dying soul of man. Do you unwrap the conscious mind? Do you pry open the collective unconscious? Do you read akashic signs? Do you talk to Mom?

Whatever you do, after it has happened you sit quietly with your thoughts. You think and wonder about the wonder of things, the mysteries of life, and death, and God.

2.

Which brings us to our first Psychogrammatic point: if the psychic demonstrator and the psychic recipient are not spiritually enriched by the psychic session, the session has failed its highest purpose.

Let's put it this way. If you do not feel a greater nearness to Divine Reality, if the sensitive does not emerge from the experience feeling, though not necessarily knowing, that the spirit of life has moved in and through the session, its highest purpose has been missed.

Not that there can be a guarantee. Not that this can always be achieved any more than that every concert, every lecture, every sermon, every book, every night of love can carry the charismatic impact, but it is the spiritual factor and not the factor of credulity which, in a psychic session, is the more important.

3.

A Psychogram for all who aspire to become "psychics" and for all of us who are aware of the psychic factor in our vocations and daily lives is this:

EVERY PERSON IS PYSHIC, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY
A PSYCHIC, just as every person is musical, though
not necessarily a musician, or just as every person
speaks but not every person is a speaker.

Arthur Ford happens to be a man who is both psychic and a
psychic. He is not only aware of nonphysical forces, which is
what the adjective "psychic" means, he is also capable of
verifiable demonstrations of these forces, which is what the
noun "psychic" implies.

When Ford speaks of psychics, he is speaking about everyone
who is psychic, and it is in this connotation that he should be
read and studied and understood. With this in mind, consider
the following:

FORD SAYS: People who want to develop their
latent psychic abilities fall into
one of three classes.

1. Those who seek a closer relationship
with the ultimate Power from whom all
things emanate.
2. Those who have no spiritual aspirations
but who are curious in a casual or even
scientific way about their abilities.
3. Those who covet psychic potency out
of lust for personal power, prestige,
profit, or sensual gratification.

Here we have a statement of principles for all who are psychic,
who use the psychic reach, who are aware of involved consciousness
higher than ESP and more mystical than ordinary intuition.

We are all psychic, but if we talk about psychism apart from
Divine Reality we are limiting our understanding of that Reality.

When we seek to use and promote our "psychic potency" without
a God-oriented consciousness, we are on dangerous and deceptive
ground. As dangerous as the ground of righteousness when it
becomes self-righteousness, and as the ground of love when it
becomes self-love.

FORD SAYS: People who go into psychic fields without spiritual aspirations should be warned that unless they remain open-minded about the possibility of being led into deeper waters and are receptive to such leading, their experience will almost certainly turn out to be a blind alley.

To people who covet psychic potency out of profit and power, to them my advice is unequivocal: either develop higher motivation or drop the whole business at once. The consequence of deliberate misuse of these abilities can be disastrous.

4.

What does the Psychogram have to say about deepening your psychic sensitivity? Check to see whether you have learned the first fundamentals:

1. GET TO KNOW YOUR PSYCHIC REACH.

Ford uses the phrase, "mental set." Learn your particular mental set, your specialty for psychic insight. Start with what you have, where you are.

What is your particular mental set, your psychic reach? In what area does it seem to manifest itself most innately? Is it in creativity, art, writing, spiritual healing, spiritual service, science, prophecy, communication with the spirits of the departed?

Who is to say which gift is greatest? Paul said it was the gift of love. Jesus implied it was doing the will of the Father.

A group of men in an Upper Room discovered that their psychic reach brought them into living contact with what they called the "Holy Ghost" and they went out to change the world.

What have you experienced? What is your mental set? Ford says: Start with your latent psychic ability by using it --- for good --- and as you use it it will be increased and you will be guided into the next step.

2. SET ASIDE A PERIOD FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.

I have often heard Ford talk about the psychic's need for prayer and meditation. I have never heard him discuss

these things without apologizing for the "religiosity" of the advice. "To one who detests the sanctimonious as I do," he said, "and who is suspicious of the man who claims to know all about God, talk about prayer and meditation can be upsetting."

Nonetheless, there they are: Prayer and Meditation. You do not improve your psychic sense in the terms we are talking about without these disciplines any more than a musician improves his playing without dedicated practice. Ford: "Do not be disappointed if the gates of heaven do not swing open at the first discordant blast of your bugle!"

How to meditate? There are plenty of books on the subject, but there is one thing that most books neglect to tell you: the intake is greater than the outreach. The psychic reach is inward. The Spirit you look for "out there" is "in here."

Ford makes a good point when he says that the psychic talent, using prayer and meditation in its development, does not lose its sense of objective activity. He is again seeking to avoid a holier-than-thou piety. Let's, instead, remind ourselves of the need for gratitude, respect and an inner knowing.

3. USE AND ADD TO YOUR PSYCHIC REACH.

That, you will say, is what I want to learn. "I want to learn how to use and add to my psychic gift." But the Psychogram says this is not a learning, it is a doing. The more you use your gift, selflessly, the more will be added to it and you.

Consider your psychism, for a moment, as a new house into which you have moved. It never really becomes a home until you have done something with it and to it personally, even if no more than hanging a picture of oiling a squeaking cupboard door. The more you do in the home, the greater become its vibrations in and through you.

Ford's Fletcher said, "You have within you the individualized part of the Infinite. But if you try to build a life, a philosophy, a religion only on those facts which you are able to perceive through your senses, if you rely only upon sensory experience, you will not find the Truth."

It is not the hanging of the picture or the oiling of the door, it is the blessing of the house and synchronizing with it. You add to your psychic reach by trusting and blessing your guidance and your Guide.

4. RECOGNIZE THE PSYCHIC MYSTIQUE.

The more you use your psychic gift for the purification of the mind and the spiritual progress of mankind and not for proving that you have supernormal capabilities, the greater will be your progress.

Ford has devoted a lifetime to his field. It has been his calling and his vocation. After all these years he has concluded that the demonstration of psychic phenomena for the sake of the phenomena is out of bounds, and the presentation of evidence simply for proving that the "dead live" is redundant inasmuch as this has been the living testimony and demonstration of all great faiths since faith began.

Psychogram: The true aim and purpose of the Psychic Reach in its deepest pursuit has always been and should always be a deepened perception of God.

5.

One day while visiting with my brother, I asked, "By the way, do you remember how our dad used to make believe he put salt on Ma's bread?"

"I hadn't thought of that for a long time," he said. "Why do you ask?"

"It came up in a psychic session," I explained, and told him the story down to the line, "Some things that annoyed us on earth become precious memories in the life beyond."

"That sounds like her," he reflected.

And we sat together in thought.

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PSYCHOGRAM..... (psycho:life or soul; gram:message)

1. A message or communication supposed to have been sent by a spirit.
2. A description of the mental life of an individual.
3. A mental representation, as a number form.
4. A profile. A group of data representing quantitatively the extent to which an individual exhibits certain traits or abilities as determined by tests or ratings and usually presented in the form of a graph.

(Webster's International Dictionary,
Unabridged)